

**5966. Misbranding of poultry food. U. S. \* \* \* v. H. C. Knoke & Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$200 and costs. (F. & D. No. 8298. I. S. Nos. 19628-m, 19629-m.)**

On October 20, 1917, the United States attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against H. C. Knoke & Co., a corporation, Chicago, Ill., alleging shipment under the name of the L. C. Mercantile Co., by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about June 22, 1916, and May 31, 1916, from the State of Illinois into the State of Indiana, of quantities of an article labeled in part, "Perfecto Poultry Food," and "to be compounded from the following ingredients: Wheat, Corn, Kafir, Barley, Oats, Buckwheat, Sunflower Seed and Limestone Grit," which was misbranded.

Analyses of samples from each shipment of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed no sunflower seed nor limestone grit to be present.

Misbranding of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that the statement borne on the tags attached to the bags regarding the article and the ingredients and substances contained therein, to wit, "H. C. Knoke & Company of Chicago, Ill., Guarantee this Perfecto Poultry Food \* \* \* to be compounded from the following ingredients: Wheat, Corn, Kafir, Barley, Oats, Buckwheat, Sunflower Seed and Limestone Grit," was false and misleading in that it represented that the article consisted of wheat, corn, kafir, barley, oats, buckwheat, sunflower seed, and limestone grit, and for the further reason that it was labeled as aforesaid so as to deceive and mislead the purchaser into the belief that it consisted of wheat, corn, kafir, barley, oats, buckwheat, sunflower seed, and limestone grit, whereas, in truth and in fact, it did not, but consisted of a mixture which contained no sunflower seed or limestone grit.

On December 31, 1917, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$200 and costs.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*